



F-A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR STUDENT ASSOCIATE

SEPT 87

Dear fellow students...

A warm welcome is given to new and returning students. We hope summer has been pleasant for you all. You should now be ready for fun-filled, thrilling experiences - that of the activities of the Urban Studies Student Association (USSA) in the year to come.

The activities are mostly academic and social in nature. Academic activities consist of speakers, group discussions, films, slideshows, drafting workshops, field trips, etc. Social activities will include weekend events, parties and the like. Further, in the resource and administrative department, help will be needed for collecting more documentation and drawing up telephone and mailing lists.

As you might not know, we are approximately 150 students in the Urban Studies Program, each student being a member of the association. Evidently, some students are enthusiastically involved and others less so. Students who are interested in being an active member may do so by offering a helping hand to the executive members. This year, we would like to further encourage student participation in organizing the various activities. Increasing student involvement will be beneficial in many ways, primarily in unifying the student body.

Remember... if any of you want to help, stop by the office to chat. Help is indeed welcomed because YOU, the student, will set the wheels in motion.

Again, please feel free to drop by the office... you will be warmly welcomed.

The USSA Executive

Michel Desrochers, president
Marie-Claude Bernier, vice-president
Jean-Marc Laverdure, treasurer
Vicky Compton, resource center

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In the USSA, the budget is an important factor in funding the associations' activities, although it is not the crucial one. We could still have an association without funding, since the major element in an association is the participation of its members.

If we have a budget, it is mainly to cover the costs of some activities, making them more accessible for you.

The 87/88 budget comes up to \$1150 (see below) and is divided in three services: administrative, social and academic.

Administrative services:

The administrative services include the publishing of information, photocopying, printing, postage, etc.

Social services:

By far, everybody's favorite! This service helps the students in Urban Studies to get to know each other, creating new friendships, and also helps to release a bit of stress. Some of the activities include:

1. A weekend at the Lacolle Center (September 26 and 27). (See page 7 for more information.)
2. Parties: we plan on having a minimum of three parties: one at the Lacolle Center, one at Christmas and one at the end of the schoolyear.

Academic services:

Apart from having a bit of fun, we are mainly here to learn and to help you learn. The USSA is at your service and these activities represent the biggest chunk of our budget. The spending in this service will be distributed in five points.

1. The resource center: acquiring documents, slides, maps and other materials which will be available for your essays and presentations (see page 6 for more information).

2. Guest speakers: we will invite lecturers to come to Concordia and speak to you on various topics which are usually not covered in your courses.
3. Drafting session: there will be a drafting session similar to the one last year. The money will help to finance this activity, in order to lower the cost per student.
4. Field trip: we plan to have a field trip to Boston during the winter semester. It would be a weekend trip and the money would cover some of the transportation and accomodation costs.
5. Yearbook: a collection of the best essays of the schoolyear all rolled up into one document. The last yearbook published by the USSA was back in 1983.

We hope that these activities will benefit the whole student body in Urban Studies, and will encourage you to participate in our numerous events.

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87/88 BUDGET:

1. Administrative expenses:	
a) office supplies	50.00
b) photocopying	20.00
c) printing	75.00
d) postage	5.00
	<u>150.00</u>
2. Social expenses:	
a) weekend at Lacolle Center	50.00
b) parties	200.00
	<u>250.00</u>
3. Academic expenses:	
a) speakers	100.00
b) resource center	100.00
c) drafting session	150.00
d) field trip	200.00
e) yearbook	200.00
	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1150.00

resource CENTER

The Urban Studies Resource Center, located in our office at P-106, 2020 MacKay street, is a great first stop when you are searching for information on urban subjects. We have a growing collection of books, magazines, maps and publications covering a wide range of topics: agriculture, housing, legislation, heritage, transportation, just to name a few.

Here is a sample of some of the documents available:

- several books by urban historian Lewis Mumford
- An Inventory of Buildings Constructed between 1919 and 1956 in Old Montreal and in St-Georges and St-André wards.
- Développement et gestion des coopératives d'habitation.
- Issues of the Journal of the American Institute of Planners, of L'Urbaniste, ...
and much more.

In addition, we hope that this year the resource center will be a meeting place for students in all three years of the program. It will be a great place to hang out, have a coffee and chat, so please drop by!

Office hours: 11h00 to 16h00, Monday to Friday.

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We are in the process of drawing up a telephone and mailing list. We ask you to fill out the following form and bring it back to our office. Thanks.

NAME: _____ TEL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

LACOLLE

Hey folks! You had better not be busy on the weekend of September 26 and 27... because the USSA has rented the Lacolle Center for those two days. It is an old Quebec farmhouse just north of the U.S. border (about forty miles south of Montreal) owned by Concordia University for groups on campus to enjoy social and academic activities out of the city.

The Lacolle Center has all that you could need: bedrooms, kitchen, washrooms, a huge fridge, a fire place, a very big backyard, and more. Some food and drink shall be purchased by the Association, and you are welcomed to bring your own contributions. We ask for a deposit of \$5.00 per person for the weekend.

For transportation, there will be a van and car-pooling. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Association office door (room P-106), and the deadline for signing up and paying is Wednesday, September 23.

We have tried our best to combine social and academic activities for the weekend. The agenda is the following:

Saturday, September 26:

- 9h30 Rendez-vous at Concordia (2020 MacKay Street)
- 11h00 Arrival at Lacolle Center
- 12h00 Lunchtime
- 13h00 Baseball and other games
- 15h00 Speaker: Bruce Walker from STOP
Topic: Environmental Legislation
- 18h00 Supertime
- 19h30 Discussion on the Association's activities and also on the Urban Studies Program
- 21h00 Partytime!

Sunday, September 27:

- 11h00 Brunch
- 13h00 Speaker (yet to be determined)
- 15h00 Clean-up time
- 16h30 Departure from Lacolle Center
- 17h30 Arrival in Montreal